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RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY DATED MARCH 15, 2002

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APPLICANTS' INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants wish to make of record additions to the Interview Summary dated March 15, 2002.

(1) Subsequent to the acknowledgement by the Examiner that the purpose and function of Applicants' invention and Schwuttke et al. are different and the contention by the Examiner that these differences in function and purpose are irrelevant, Applicants' attorney responded that one must read Schwuttke et al. in light of these differences and one cannot ignore these differences when interpreting what is disclosed by Schwuttke et al.

(2) The Examiner acknowledged that the claims under rejection call for generating a grid as a direct result of data values, but the Examiner has taken the position that Schwuttke et al. generates a grid as a direct result of data values by the statement of the Examiner in the Office Action dated February 12, 2002 that

"each block represented in a column of FIG. 5A represents a grid that corresponds to a category of data having a plurality of

associated nominal values. Additionally, a grid is only generated in each block where data is represented."

When asked to identify the portion(s) of Schwuttke et al. that provide support for the contention that Schwuttke et al. generates a grid only when the data is being entered (i.e., there is no grid in Schwuttke et al. before the data is entered), the Examiner referred only to the above quote.

(3) In response to the contention that Schwuttke et al. generates a grid as a direct result of data values, Applicants' attorney stated that, in order to *enter* data in a grid, as the Examiner acknowledges takes place in Schwuttke et al., the grid must exist beforehand for the data to be *entered*, which means that the grid in Schwuttke et al. is not generated as a direct result of data values.

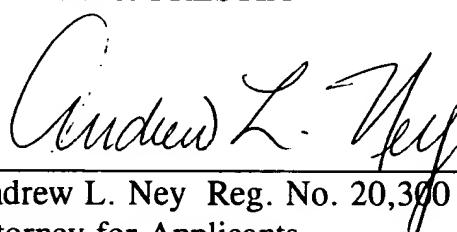
(4) Applicants do not understand the statement

"Representative acknowledged that the prior response identifying Schwuttke as disclosing the same because he forms a grid as a result of object classification was inadequate"

and, therefore, cannot accept this statement as reflecting what transpired during the interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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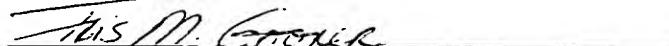
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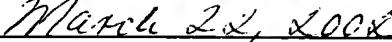
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